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1. Masinimport, located at 10 Strada Mihail Eminescu (formerly Strada Romana), Bucharest, is a state company for the import of machinery and industrial installations for state enterprises belonging to the Ministry of Foreign Trade. From 1947, the company worked as a branch of Metalimport until in 1948 it became an independent body.
2. The Ministry of Foreign Trade controls about 10 similar import and export companies. The following six are known: Metalimport, Masinimport, Alimentexport (export of foodstuff), Prodexport (export of various products), Fructexport (export of fruit), and Energoimport (import of electrical materials).
3. The general manager of Masinimport is an engineer, Voicu. The commercial director is also an engineer, Campeanu. The administrative director is Ernest Stern. There are technical directors for the following six departments: lathes, milling machines, pneumatic hammers, rollers, ball bearings, and ordinary machinery. The staff also has a section head for Russian technical translations, 35 engineers, 3 interpreters (for Russian) and 400 clerks.
4. Political control is exercised through a Communist Party member in every department of Masinimport.

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7. Enterprises whose supplies are kept secret include a coke works, the ball bearings factory at Stalin, and a number of enterprises of a military nature. Early in 1951 there were eight such secret files, but by the end of the year their number had increased to 50. These files were handled by a certain Bucu (Schaechter), now an adviser in the Ministry of Foreign Trade.
8. In 1950, Masinimport imported very large quantities of sheet steel from the USSR. On one occasion, bills of lading for 4,000 tons of steel were handled in a single day. In 1951, large quantities of standard machines were imported from the USSR, mainly lathes and milling machines.
9. Large quantities of standard machinery were also obtained from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia in 1951, and smaller quantities from Eastern Germany.
10. In 1951, \$50,000 was paid in installments for one special machine.

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